WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 12, 2009

President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500

Re: United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas

Dear President Obama:

It is with great pleasure that we recommend the following candidates to be considered for the position of United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Each of these individuals possess the experience, intellect, and integrity to serve the people of Arkansas with distinction. Having conducted a deliberate and extensive review of a very qualified list of candidates for this position, we recommend the following candidates for your consideration:

- Mr. Michael D. Barnes: Partner at Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, LLP, in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Mr. Christopher R. Thyer: Partner at Stanley & Thyer, P.A., in Jonesboro, Arkansas.
- Mr. Edward O. Walker: Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Mr. Walker currently resides in Little Rock, Arkansas.

We have included the resumes of each of these candidates. Should you need any additional information concerning these individuals, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Blanche L. Lincoln

U.S. Senator

Mark L. Pryor

U.S. Senator

BLL/jb Enclosure (3)

Cc: Mr. Greg Craig, White House Counsel

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500

Re: United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas

Dear President Obama:

It is with great pleasure that we recommend the following candidates to be considered for the position of United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas. Each of these individuals possess the experience, intellect, and integrity to serve the people of Arkansas with distinction. Having conducted a deliberate and extensive review of a very qualified list of candidates for this position, we recommend the following candidates for your consideration.

- <u>Mr. William Conner Eldridge, Jr.</u>: Chief Executive Officer of Summit Bank. Mr. Eldridge currently resides in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.
- Mr. Shawn J. Johnson: Assistant Attorney General for the State of Arkansas. Mr. Johnson is originally from Fort Smith, Arkansas, and currently resides in Little Rock.
- <u>Mr. Christopher D. Plumlee</u>: Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas. Mr. Plumlee currently resides in Bentonville, Arkansas.

We have included the resumes of each of these candidates. Should you need any additional information concerning these individuals, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Re: United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas

Dear President Obama:

We are pleased to recommend, after careful consideration and review of an exceptional field of applicants, the following candidates for the position of United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas. These candidates possess the skills, character, and professional experience needed to lead the U.S. Marshal Service in the Eastern District of Arkansas. Moreover, we have no doubt that each of these individuals is capable of serving the public with distinction.

- <u>Mr. Clifton T. Massanelli</u>: Chief Deputy United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Mr. Massanelli currently resides in North Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Mr. J.R. Thomas: Director of Arkansas Tobacco Control. Mr. Thomas currently resides in Little Rock, Arkansas.

We have included the resumes of each of these candidates. Should you need any additional information concerning these individuals, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Re: United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas

Dear President Obama:

We are pleased to recommend, after careful consideration and review of an exceptional field of applicants, the following candidates for the position of United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas. These candidates possess the skills, character, and professional experience needed to lead the U.S. Marshal Service in the Western District of Arkansas. Moreover, we have no doubt that each of these individuals is capable of serving the public with distinction.

- <u>Mr. Gary Grimes</u>: Governor's Liaison to Law Enforcement and Emergency Management. Mr. Grimes currently resides in Greenwood, Arkansas.
- Mr. Mike Oglesby: Sheriff for Polk County, Arkansas. Sheriff Oglesby resides in Mena, Arkansas.

We have included the resumes of each of these candidates. Should you need any additional information concerning these individuals, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (2)

Cc: Mr. Greg Craig, White House Counsel

Hnited States Senate WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 12, 2009

President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500

Re: Additional Recommendation for the Federal District Court Judgeship Vacancy in the Western District of Arkansas, created by the Honorable Harry F. Barnes assuming senior status.

Dear President Obama:

Due to the unfortunate and untimely passing of the Honorable James S. Hudson, Jr., our friend and a judicial candidate for the Western District of Arkansas, we write to submit an additional candidate for your consideration. It is without reservation that we recommend Mr. Carlton D. Jones be considered among our previous recommendations.

Mr. Carlton D. Jones is currently serving as the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Eighth Judicial District in Texarkana, Arkansas.

We have included the resume of Mr. Jones for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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